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NO MORE COCAINE BY MAIL

Alarmed by the extent to which the cocaine habit has spread in the larger cities of the country, the Postoffice Department has issued an order denying the use of the mails to cocaine or its derivatives. To do this it was found necessary to extend the provisions of Section 4 of the Postal Regulations.

Government reports show that an enormous amount of cocaine is sent through the mails each year and that this class of matter is steadily growing greater. The crusades waged against the habit in the cities have driven the "drug fiends" to seek other means of procuring the powder, and the mails have been the innocent channel through which the work of the crusaders have been rendered partially ineffective. Much of the cocaine that has passed through the mails has been in the form of so-called medicines. These "medicines" will also fall under the ban.

The action of the Postoffice Department was taken by authority of Congress granted at the last session, when it included a prohibition against the drug in making up the Department's appropriation bill. It was said by the Postoffice authorities that the order had its genesis in the attempt of certain Southern legislators to have a general order passed prohibiting the sending of intoxicating liquors into prohibition States either through the mails or by common carriers engage in inter-State trade.

It is developed that in the South the habit had fixed itself to an alarming degree on the negroes. The curse of cocaine, in fact, is said to be as great, if not a greater nuisance to the peace of that section of the country than the liquor habit.

The difficulty faced by those who have tried to combat the evil in the cities has been the ease with which the drug has hitherto been obtained. While druggists selling the powder without a physician's prescription have been arrested time and again and frequently convicted, there has been much more cocaine obtained by those addicted to its use than ever was purchased over the counters of drug stores.

Much of this additional supply came directly from the manufacturers to the purchasers through the mails. Being a dry powder and susceptible to packing, so that its real nature was readily concealed, it lent itself to mailing.

The great increase in patent medicine that contain cocaine in large quantities has been a source of uneasiness to the government. There are a great number of such remedies, and the Bureau of Chemistry of the Agricultural Department is after them under the pure food law.

The charge has been made that cocaine has even found its way into the proprietary drinks sold to the public at soda fountains. Dr. W. H. Willey, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, only a short time ago publicly denounced one such drink. He declared it contained cocaine, and because of his statements its sale was prohibited.

Among the negroes of the cities the use of cocaine has assumed very large proportions. Government agents who have investigated the matter in conjunction with the State authorities have discovered that a regularly established trade is used in furnishing the drug to its users.

These peddlers are to the drug business what the "bootleggers" are to the liquor traffic. They carry their stocks in trade with them and sell it in unique measure. Instead of giving their customers so many grains for a certain sum, they sell the powder by the "card." A customer may purchase anywhere from a "deuce" to a "ten" card of "coke," as the drug is known in the vanacular by those who use it. The peddler spreads the powder thinly over the spots on a playing card and is based on the number of spots he has to cover to complete the sale.

The United States is a party to a treaty to stamp out the opium traffic, and for years agitators have insisted that the cocaine traffic should also be attacked. Whether the government will take any further steps toward the transportation of the drug has not yet been considered.

THE AUGUST AMERICAN BOY

Unalloyed enjoyment of the water's refreshing coolness is shown on the face of the boy looking out from the front cover of the August *American Boy*, and the contents of the magazine just fits in with the vacation season. The fine serials of Houston, Tomlinson, and Optic, with Weir's story of his experiences Under the Great White Canvas continue with increasing interest. Of the many splendid short stories in this issue, there are: In the Hands of the Enemy, telling of the manly courage of a boy during the trying times of the Civil War; The Traitor of Camp Bennett, a fine story of boys camping out and how a traitor was dealt with; A Boy and a Bear tells humorously of a boy who was anxious to meet a bear and what he did when Mr. Bruin confronted him; In Quest of a Sea-Otter is a vivid account of the dangers encountered by two boys in a boat while trying to kill a sea-otter; History Written in Bark will appeal to the boys who love to carve their names on the bark of trees; My Friend's Stiff Shoulder is a stirring story of hunting tigers in India; The Runabout Trio at the Chicago Convention gives a most interesting account of what three boys saw and heard while attending the National Republican Convention at Chicago. Then there are How to Float, Trapping Hints for Boys, Opening of the Oyster Season, Talks with the Doctor, and Destroyer of Boys, while the various departments are filled with the sort of matter which appeals to the boys with hobbies. 76 illustrations; $1.00 a year. The Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.

Incandescence in the Air

The strings of beads or pearls that some observers have seen as much as a second in the wake of lightning flashes are attributed by Dr. W. J. S. Lockyer to incandescence of the air.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

If a few drops of glycerin be added to the starch for linens, it will be found that the iron will not stick and that the linens will have a beautiful gloss after they are ironed.

New boots often do not take a good polish. They will do so if they are rubbed over with a cut lemon before they are blacked. A cut raw potato may be used instead of the lemon if the latter is not to be had.

To make paper stick to metal use a strong solution of washing soda. While hot dip the metal in, and when clean take it out and rub with a soft cloth. Apply smoothly over it, and it will adhere like glue and it will be almost impossible to separate the two.

The most useful article in one kitchen is an old German silver fork inserted in a modern handle 14 inches long, and about an inch in diameter, tapering to a half-inch at fork end. The total length is 18 inches, exclusive of the screw-eye, which is in the end.

To train a vine to screen a piazza, take pieces of galvanized iron wire somewhat longer than the height of the space to be screened, and bend the wire into loops about one-half inch in size at intervals of about six inches. Stretch each wire between galvanized iron screw-eyes placed in the woodwork at the top and bottom of the piazza. The screw eyes may be six or eight inches in length. Fasten the vine to the loops wherever desired by means of short pieces of galvanized wire bent to a circular form. One great advantage of this method is that the various parts of the vine may be changed in position every season or oftener, as occasion requires, without disturbing the whole vine, and one part or another of the space to be covered may be more thickly or less thickly covered, as one may wish.

Hot tartaric acid will take ink stains out of white cloth.

It is not generally known, but to prevent cakes from burning place a little bran at the bottom of the tins. This will save a lot of grumbling and vexation.

A thin coating made of three parts lard melted with one part resin and applied to stoves and grates will prevent their rusting when not in use.

Hot sunshine will remove scorch.

A very simple and delicious cucumber salad is made in this way: Cut up six cucumbers, cover with water and simmer fifteen minutes, letting most of the water boil away. Add salt and cayenne, and take from the fire; measure and add gelatine in the proportion of a level tablespoonful to a quart. Have ready some large, even slices of fresh cucumber and put one of these into the bottom of a small mould and fill up with the warm cucumber jelly; set away to grow firm; then turn out on white lettuce and put overlapping slices of fresh cucumber all around.

Not every housewife knows that a large bowl of fresh water placed in a room overnight will absorb all the smell of tobacco from the evening's pipes and cigars, and prevent that stale smell in the morning which is so difficult to get rid of. At the same time, all ends of cigars and tobacco ash should be cleared away before closing the room for the night. This simple precaution is quite worth while where a small flat is concerned, and where the dining-room is used in lieu of a smoking room.

Lemons which have become hard and shrunken from being kept too long may be softened by laying them to soak for a few hours in cold water. To keep the yolk of an egg from congealing, it is a good plan to pour a little water over it before putting it away. When this is poured off before making use of the yolk, the latter will be found perfectly soft and fresh.

The disagreeable odor of cooking "greens" can always be avoided by placing a bag containing a lump of bread the size of a hen's egg in the saucepan with the boiling vegetables. This serves to absorb the gases, which otherwise escape and permeate the entire house. A few pieces of charcoal in the cooking-pot are said to serve the same purpose.

If a grinding-mill has been used in crushing spices, it is seldom easy to rid it of the strong aroma which clings to the working parts. The experiment should, however, be tried of passing a little rice through the grinder, the grains of which effectually clean the machinery.

A clean brick makes an excellent rest for the hot iron on laundry days, as it holds the heat better than the perforated iron stands generally used for the purpose.

For really palatable milk toast, cut the bread into slices a quarter of an inch thick and toast to a delicate brown. The crust may be removed or not, as preferred. Put the toast on a plate that can go in the oven, and cover with a thick layer of butter. Pour over rick milk or cream and put in a hot oven until the liquid has thoroughly heated and soaked through the bread. If preferred, a sprinkling of salt can be added.

Stained soft wood floors which show worn places should be touched up with the same stain, and the whole should then be varnished with some first-class floor varnish. The varnish should be renewed at intervals in the places subjected to most wear, but if the floor has been so long neglected that not only the varnish but also the stain is worn through and must be patched, a fresh coat of varnish over the whole floor will do something to hide the junction of the new and old stain, and add to its appearance and durability.

One farmer recommends as a preventive of ravages on the sheep flocks by dogs that the sheep owner place with his flock a billy goat that will get along very well with the sheep and defend them from the dogs.

White enameled kitchen utensils often become to all appearance, hopelessly ruined when food has burned them. Place a mixture of strong soap-powder and boiling water in them, and let them stand two or three days without changing the water. Then pour off and rub the inside with a soft cloth. All blackness and stain will disappear. Be careful not to scrape before soaking this way as the enamel will crack.

ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCE

The First International Congress of Administrative Science, which will take place at Brussels in 1910, will possess considerable importance. The Belgian Government will invite the different countries to this Congress, which will coincide with the International Exhibition. The delegates of each nation will form between themselves, in accordance with their distinctive Governments, private and official committees. All desired information can be obtained on applying to one of the secretaries—M. De Vuyst, Inspector Principal an Ministere de PAgriculture, No. 22 Avenue des Germains, Brussels; or M. Pyfferoon, Professor a l'Universite de Gand. Reports will be drawn up in English, German and French.

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WHAT IS WORN AT LENOX

The woman who is interested in the fashions has only to come to Lenox to find out just what is the very height of the mode. For here one can see any fine day all the eccentricities of fashion, the very newest things in Directoire coats, the latest cut in Princess gowns and the sheath skirts, but the latter is of the modified variety and not the side-slit garment that has been exhibited in our shops worn tentavely by a few nobodies in New York simply to get themselves talked about.

For Afternoon Wear

For afternoon wear and what are termed demi-toilettes of all sorts, meteor silks, tussahs, and crepe-de-chines are extensively used by fashionable women. Many of these gowns are made with heavily embroidered silk marquisette or Italian lace yokes, their designs outlined with the finest gold thread.

The prevailing Pompadour color idea is shown in the embroidery of the plain net yokes used with some of the chiffon broadcloth and satin-striped voile gowns. At the very top of the collars of these yokes there often appers a tiny line of pale pink silk against another of pale blue or green and sometimes one of black.

The Fashionable Sleeve Fits Closer

One thing that is very evident from the dress parade which can be seen here that the fashionable sleeve is a good deal tighter than it used to be. In all coats of the really dressy type, the sleeves possess a certain severity which formerly belonged only to the tailor made. They fit quite closely and are formed of overlapping folds running around the arm, each fold falling smoothly one above the other. On the other hand the sleeve used with the new Directoire gown is not sheath fitting and does not outline the arm, but is sufficiently large for comfort. Many of the imported frocks of satin, cloth and foulard have plain chiffon sleeves extending well over the hand.

A Coat for Motoring.

Smartness personified is what one can properly call many of the silk coats and wraps for motoring.

Of leaf brown Rajah silk was a garment of the sort worn by the fair chatelaine of a famous country house in the vicinity. This coat was cut circular, the back laid in a double box pleat which ended under a circular bertha of the silk edged with an inch wide band of pale blue silk braid. The long and very full sleeves of the coat were opened up the back to show narrow panels of pale blue silk crossed by narrow brown silk braid that formed downward turning V's.

Another very smart automobile coat was of natural colored pongee with cuffs and collar of black taffeta and narrow straps of very light green and black Persian embroidery running down each side of the front.

Silk Travelling Gowns.

Most of our fashionable women are this summer wearing dark pongee or tussah silk for travelling as these materials are much cooler than woolen and look equally as smart. The majority of these frocks are made in what is called the three piece style but it should be properly two piece, for skirt and waist are usually joined together in Princess effect and worn over a washable guimpe. To complete the costume is a coat of silk, usually of the loose variety. Cream and ecru laces, mulls and linens are used in preferences to white for the guimpes and they look smartest when as simply made as possible.

The great vogue in belts is for those of satin or silk with sash ends. Every possible devise is used to shorten the waist in the back and this naturally requires a wide belt.

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A CHINESE DROUGHT

In many districts of China water becomes very scarce during the summer months. Some of the fearful results of the drought are described thus by the Rev. John MacGowan: "The great sun blazes down from an unclouded sky and drinks up the water that is clinging to the roots of the rice. The soil now cracks with the fervent heat, and every blade of rice seems to be making an appeal to the heartbroken farmer for the water that alone will enable it to live. He is now at his wits' end to save his crop, for that perhaps is the only thing now that lies between him and poverty and despair. A failure of a crop means very likely that he will have to sell his daughter or a son perhaps or even barter away his wife if he would keep the homestead from slipping from his grasp. Some of the most piteous scenes in the many tragic ones that cast their shadows over the home in the experience of the Chinese husbandmen can be witnessed during the summer months when there has been a shortage in the fall of rain.

"The wells have become dry, and the little ponds have been drained of every drop of water they contained. The rice in the field has lost the dark green color that with its rich sheen tells of health and vitality and is turning into a sickly yellow that means decay and death. Water must be got now and at any price, for two or three days more of this will see the grain blasted in the fields. They accordingly dig the ponds deeper to catch the tiniest rills that may flow into them, and as the work in the blazing sun might at once drink these up the work is carried on during the midnight hours, so that not a drop of the precious fluid may be absorbed by the great thirsty dragon in the sky.

"Often these most pathetic endeavors to save their crops end in tragedy and death. Men are making a supreme effort to avert disaster from their homes, and in mad endeavor to gain the water for themselves the wildest passion of the heart are aroused, and neighbors will struggle with each other for the slowly trickling drops of water. The solemn air of night is broken with the sounds of conflict, and the stars looking down from the midnight sky see murder committed by men whose sole and controlling motive is the preservation of their homes."

THE MAN BEHIND THE PLOW

BY S. E. KISER

There's been a lot to say about the man
behind the gun,
And folks have praised him highly for the
noble work he done;
He won a lot of honor for the land where
men are free—
It was him that sent the Spaniards kitin'
back across the sea.
But he's had his day of glory, had his little spree, and now
There's another to be mentioned—he's the
man behind the plow.

A battleship's a wonder and an army's
mighty grand,
And warrin's a profession only heroes understand;
There's something sort o' thrillin' in a
flag that's wavin' high,
And it makes you want to holler when
the boys go marchin' by;
But when the shoutin's over and the
fightin's done, somehow
We find we're still dependin' on the man
behind the plow.

They sing about the glories of the man
behind the gun,
And the books are full of stories of the
wonders he has done;
The world has been made over by the
fearless ones who fight;
Lands that used to be in darkness they
have opened to the light;
When God's children snarl the soldier has
to settle up the row
And folks haven't time for thinkin' of the
man behind the plow.

In all the pomp and splendor of an army
on parade,
And through all the awful darkness that
the smoke of battles made;
In the halls where jewels glitter and
where shoutin' men debate;
In the palaces where rulers deal out honors to the great,
There is not a single person who'd be
doin' bizness now
Or have medals if it wasn't for the man
behind the plow.

We're a-buildin' mighty cities and we're
gainin' lofty heights,
We're a-winnin' lots of glory and we're
settin' things to rights;
We're a-showin' all creation how the
world's affairs should run;
Future men'll gaze in wonder at the
things that we have done,
And they'll overlook the feller, just the
same as we do now,
Who's the whole concern's foundation—
that's the man behind the plow.

Special Sense in Fish.

For more than half a century it has been understood that the lateral line of scales along each side of fishes is connected to a special nerve. The use of these lateral organs has been a matter of much speculation, but the late experiments of Hofer seem to show that their chief function is the perception of water currents. They supply a new sense in place of the lacking sense of touch; they cause a blindfolded fish to stop and turn aside within an inch of a solid object, lead to streams and spawning brooks, and keep the fish world informed and warned.

Fastest of Warships

"The United States navy possesses in the scout cruiser Salem the fastest war ship in the world," says the Scientific American. "In the recent Government standardization trial over the measured mile course off Rockland, Me., this handsome vessel was driven at a maximum speed of 26.88 knots, and at an average speed for five runs over the mile course of 25.95 knots."

Teaching Danger of Fire

Consul D. I. Murphy writes from Bordeaux that at the recent French National Congress of Firemen there was considerable discussion concerning the importance of teaching children the danger of fire. As a result prizes were offered for maxims, which are now taught to school children, as a primary preventive measure.

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FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

For sheep in milk the best feed is whole corn and oats, equal weight, giving all the animals will eat up clean. To add succulence to the feed, yellow Swede turnips sliced fine are also good. Alfalfa hay should also be given in abundance.

Partial paralysis in pigs may be treated successfully in some cases by dosing with Epsom salts, allowing one ounce to each animal, following with a dessertspoonful of cod-liver oil, 10 grams phosphate of lime and two drops nux vomica as a physic, given twice a day for several weeks.

For the colt, mare's milk is best, but it can be raised on cow's milk if it is rightly managed. The mare's milk being thinner and sweeter than cow's milk, the latter should be diluted and sweetened slightly.

It is hard to successfully treat ringbone after it has become firmly established upon a horse's leg. In the early stages proper shoeing will straighten the foot and relieve the strain which is the cause of the trouble. Ringbone is due to an injury to the tendons of the foot, or to blows, sprains or overworking before the bones have been fully formed and hardened. It is regarded as a disease that may be transmitted by tendency.

For the convenience of importers of fine breeding cattle the Bureau of Animal Industry has made tuberculin tests in Great Britain of cattle intended for importation into the United States. Last year 12 Jerseys were passed and one rejected. Of the 57 Guernseys examined only one was rejected. Seven of the 51 Ayrshires examined were rejected.

The more food the cow can be induced to eat, the more milk she will produce. Usually cows do not consume more food than they can properly digest. The ration, therefore, should be made as palatable as possible in order to induce the cow to eat large quantities.

Sal soda is excellent for removing fat and disease from milk pails, cans and separators, but soap is best for dirt alone. Sal soda is neither poisonous nor corrosive. Use with water in small proportions.

An egg, to belong to the strictly fresh-egg class, should not be over three days old in summer weather, and a week old during winter. But in either case they must be kept in a cool temperature. Heat very quickly stales eggs. Crates of eggs allowed to remain in the hot sun for several hours will quickly change their condition.

A "large roaster" means a plump, soft chicken of 4 to 5 pounds weight. The broiler weight in March is 1½ pounds each; in April, 1½ pounds; in May, 1½ to 2 pounds. Old cock birds have a special classification, and do not come under the head of "large roasting" fowls.

It is a good rule to market all stock as soon as they can be got ready. Poultry is no exception to the rule. Chickens, ducks, turkeys and geese should be rapidly fattened and quickly sold.

The young pigs should be provided with plenty of exercise. In the absence of more natural exercise the herdsman should turn the pigs out of doors two or three times a day, and drive them about the yard for awhile.

Hickory timber is fast disappearing, and it is said to be more difficult to replace than any other wood. There is no substitute that is as tough, elastic, or as durable.

The secret of raising a uniform bunch of pigs is in keeping each litter by itself, so that there can be absolutely no "stealing." It is true that this involves some labor in feeding and also a little fencing, but the owner will be paid handsomely for his labor when he markets his bunch.

An Indiana farmer has made corn culture a study and for 25 years has been endeavoring to increase the yield by growing a variety that will produce more ears. He now announces that he has obtained corn that bears three ears to the stalk, each averaging over 12 inches in length.

Illinois bee keepers want the State to prohibit the use of poisons in fruit sprays until after the blooms have been fertilized by bees.

More horses are injured by enforced idleness than by work. Days that horses are not at work they should run in a box stall or yard. Their hair may not lie quite as close, and even be a little longer, but they will keep healthier and be in much better shape for next season's work for having their regular exercise every day, either in the harness or out in the yard.

Mangels grown continuously on the same land for four years, yielded over nine tons of roots, containing one ton of dry matter, while on land under rotation they yielded 34 tons of roots and four tons of dry matter per acre, at the New York Cornell Experiment Station. From 25,000 to 30,000 plants of mangels, rutabagas and hybrid turnips, and from 40,000 to 60,000 plants of carrots, per acre, are suggested as proper stands.

The larger the amount of protein in the ration the larger the milk flow.

It is claimed that a cow needs eight gallons of water a day, and will consume that much if it is within reach. Milk is composed of about 87 per cent. water. Cows confined to pastures in which there is no running water and the cows are watered morning and night, it would necessitate that a cow would have to drink four gallons at a time in order to be supplied. As the cow does not know that she must drink four gallons, she will naturally use less and reduce her milk supply accordingly.

In 1000 pounds of cottonseed cake there are 99 pounds of dry matter, which contains 66 pounds of nitrogen, 15 pounds of potash, and 31 pounds of phosphoric acid. Corn, (1000 pounds), contains 880 pounds of dry matter, including 16 pounds of nitrogen, 3½ pounds of potash, and 6 pounds of phosphoric acid. A ton of manure from cows fed on linseed or cottonseed meal is not only more valuable than a ton produced from corn, but there is also a saving of labor in hauling and spreading.

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JUDGE TAFT AND THE TARIFF

"If any Republicans entertained misgivings as to Judge Taft's soundness on the tariff his expression on that subject in his speech of acceptance ought to, and doubtless will, completely reassure them. Judge Taft takes the Republican view and stands squarely on the Chicago platform. The Republicans there declare for tariff revision. The Denver platform pronounces for tariff reduction. The Republican platform declares for changes in the tariff that shall maintain "the true principle of protection." The Democratic platform pronounces for progressive changes that shall "restore the tariff to a revenue basis."

"There is the old and familiar issue. Bryan stands for a tariff on a revenue basis. Taft for a tariff that shall maintain the true principle of protection. In his speech of acceptance Judge Taft amplifies this. The Republican principle of protection, he says, "has led to the establishment of a rate of wages here that has greatly enhanced the standard of living of the laboring man." That standard of living must be maintained and the wages that make it possible must not be forced down by the encouragement of foreign competition through tariff reduction.

"The tariff must be revised and adjusted to change conditions. This may mean some reduction in the average rates and it may not. It all depends on what rates will give the protection needed to cover the difference in the cost of production here and abroad and give a profit to American industries. Judge Taft is of the opinion that there are some schedules in which the tariff is not sufficiently high to give the measure of protection which should be given Republican principles. These schedules should be raised, while some others which are higher than necessary for adequate protection should be reduced.

"This is Republican revision. It is the way the tariff will be treated by the next Congress if the Republicans remain in control. It is the kind of revision that Judge Taft believes in and advocates. It is the kind which the country has approved and which we are confident it will decide to have continued by its vote next November."—*Philadelphia Press.*

TRUSTEES OF POOR

Routine business only was transacted at the monthly meeting of the Board of Poor Trustees Wednesday afternoon.

The report of Superintendent Foster, which was accepted, showed the population to be 160 whites and 36 colored persons, a total of 196. The population the same month last year was 181. The following deaths occurred during the month:

July 1st, James Barrett, colored, aged 70 years, of Townsend; July 9th, Samuel Carroll, colored, 45; July 15th, Herbert Zuber, 70, and George Lofland, 42, July 25th, W. H. Freedman, colored, 39, all of this city; July 23d, John C. Jones, 70, of Marshallton.

The farm report for the month of July which was accepted, showed the following expenses: H. Wilson threshing wheat, $12 75; Lea Milling Company, one ton of bran, $26.00. W. Murphy, 50 bushels of oats, $25. Total, $73 75. Receipts from the Lea Milling Company, 240½ bushels of wheat, $194 25. James Dickerson, two pigs, $10. Total, $204 25.

The following bills were ordered paid: A. M. Angerstein, $171 10; Ray F. Bacon, $269.19; F. J. Murphy, $94; Bullen Chemical Company, $115; Odessa Creamery, $87; National Inspection Company, $28 50 H. B. Mastin, $5.25; Every Evening Printing Company, $24 71.

NATIONAL DRAINAGE ASSOCIATION

The National Drainage Association has opened offices in the duPont Building, in Wilmington, Delaware, and will enter upon a vigorous campaign looking to the drainage, by Government aid, of the 80,000,000 acres of swamp and overflowed lands within the United States. In order to facilitate the collection of the necessary data and statistics, the Association requests that all owners of such land, no matter how large or small their holdings, send their names, address, number of acres of such land owned, to the Association at the above address. The receipt of this data will greatly aid in the early prosecution of this work, and will be of great advantage not only to the country at large, but especially to individual owners of swamp and overflowed lands.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Harvey Smoot is visiting in Princess Anne.

Miss Alice Clark is visiting Mrs. E. H. Biddle.

Miss Tina Evans is visiting friends in Fairmount, Md.

John M. Reed, Jr., was in Philadelphia Thursday.

Mrs. Julius W. Clayton spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Miss Josephine Newell left last week for Asbury Park.

Ernest Homewood, of Newark, was in town last week.

Miss Mamie Jefferson is enjoying a visit in Kent county.

Thomas R. Baker purchased the Rees farm at private sale last week.

Rowan Pearce, of Germantown, has been spending several days here.

Miss Helen Moyer, of New York, is the guest of Mrs. J. Groome Steele.

Frank Yearsley, of Germantown, is visiting at the home of W. A. Queck.

Mrs. Sarah Barwick, of Morrisville, Pa., has been visiting Mrs. L K. Barwick.

Mrs. Elward H. Biddle, of the First district, spent Friday with Mrs. J. P. Steele.

Miss Minnie Bouchelle, of Barksdale, is being entertained by Miss Dora Steele.

The thirty-third annual excursion to Tolchester Beach will leave here August 6th.

Prof. and Mrs. Hugh W. Caldwell returned from their wedding trip Monday evening.

Master Harold Cooling, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Z. T. Cooling.

Misses Agnes and Loretta Long, of Philadelphia, are spending sometime at Town Point.

The Girls' Mission Band held a lawn fete at the home of Miss Katie Pensel Tuesday evening.

Miss Louisa Tatman, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Tatman.

Miss Harriet Pearce, of Germantown, is spending sometime with her aunt, Mrs. S Polk Steele.

Misses Violette and Eleanor Fader, of Newark, visited their aunt, Mrs. Joseph Schaefer, last week.

Mrs. Harry Scanlen and Miss Minnie Bowers, of Wilmington, are the guests of Mrs. William Borem.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. DeShane, of "The Glebe," spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bouchelle.

The leader of a Salvation Army of Baltimore was in town Saturday, trying to raise money for their benefit.

Mrs. Harry Miller and children, Margaret and Kemp, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

During the storm last week, lightning struck and destroyed two stacks of wheat on the farm of C. S. Ellison.

Messrs. Harold Steele and Jacob Metz took a trip to Philadelphia Tuesday with C. M. Abbott, in his automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and daughter Elizabeth, of Morrisville, spent several days last week with his mother, Mrs. Maria Griffith.

Rev. and Mrs. S. M Perry, Mrs. Emma Mustard, of Elkton, and Rev. R. C. Walker were entertained at dinner Friday by Mrs. E. H. Banks.

Messrs. Lloyd Mohler, Frank Shadrick, John Brown and Orrie McCellan, of Baltimore, are stopping at the home of Mrs Z. T. Cooling for a week.

Constitutional Amendment!

An Act Proposing an Amendment to Section 15 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, relating to the Compensation of the Members and Presiding Officers of the General Assembly.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met; (two-thirds of all the members elected to each House agreeing):

SECTION 1. That at the following amendment be and the same is hereby proposed to Section 15 of Article 2 of the Constitution of Delaware;

That the word "five" be stricken out of the third line of said Section 15 Article 2 of the Constitution, and the word "ten" be inserted in lieu thereof, and the word "six" be stricken out of the fourth line of Section 15, Article 2 of the Constitution, and the word "twelve" be inserted in lieu thereof.

RICHARD HODGSON,
Speaker of the House.
ISAAC T. PARKER,
President of the Senate.

I, Joseph L. Cahall, Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Bill No. 312, entitled "An Act Proposing an Amendment to Section 15 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, relating to the Compensation of the Members and Presiding Officers of the General Assembly," as the same appears on the enrolled bill filed in the office of the Secretary of State, which said bill proposing such amendment to the Constitution of this State is published in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the state.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at Dover, this twenty-fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight.

[SEAL.]

JOS. L CAHALL,
Secretary of State.

Political Cards

For Coroner
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, 1908
CHAS. H. CRAWFORD
OF WILMINGTON
Subject to the rules of the Republican Party.

For Sheriff
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, 1908
Charles H. Lippincott
OF WILMINGTON HUNDRED
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

For Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, 1908
ROBERT M. BURNS
OF WILMINGTON HUNDRED
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

For County Comptroller
1908
C. CANBY HOPKINS
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

For Coroner
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY 1908
James H. Callaway
Subject to the decision of Republican Party.

For County Comptroller
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY 1908
Philemma Chandler
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

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Friday	7 3.00 pm	Thursday 6	11.30 am
Monday	10 6.00 pm	Saturday 8	12 noon
Wednes'y	12 7.30 pm	Tuesday 11	3.00 pm
Friday	14 8.00 pm	Thursday 13	5.00 pm
Monday	17 12 noon	Saturday 15	6.00 pm
Wednes'y	19 1.00 pm	Tuesday 18	11.00 am
Friday	21 3.30 pm	Thursday 20	11.30 am
Monday	24 5.30 pm	Saturday 22	12 noon
Wednes'y	26 6.00 pm	Tuesday 25	1.30 pm
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The picnic season is now upon us with the usual accompaniments—fleas, mosquitoes, grass chiggers and gnats. But there is bushels of fun in a day's outing, anyhow.

The Cochran & Jones Lumber Co., have a full assortment of Lumber at their yard in Georgetown, Md., and are receiving larger quantities of lumber daily for their yard in Middletown. A trial order is solicited.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending July 23d: Miss Lillian Alexander, Miss Gorgie Bratcher, Mr. Ira S. Gardnee.

Does your subscription fall due in August? Watch the label on THE TRANSCRIPT coming to you and send your remittance. Remember the postal law only allows us to give you one year's credit. We will appreciate your attending to this matter promptly.

The new pay car on the Delaware Division is scheduled to reach Middletown on August 8. The car contains a small bank and all employes will be paid in money instead of by check as heretofore. The crew will all be sworn in as officers, and two extra special officers will accompany the car.

There are two ways of spending a dollar. You can spend it at home, gain an easy conscience, make another friend and perhaps get the dollar back to-morrow, or you send it away, feel that you have sinned, offend the home merchant and forever lose the dollar and the blessed influence for good to yourself and neighbor.

People take newspapers nowadays, read them and then throw them away. They never think what a source of pleasure and profit—or reminiscence and thought, a file or even a few numbers of such a paper would be to them twenty or thirty years afterwards.

The Sunday School of St. Anne's Episcopal Church held its annual pic-nic at "Lorewood" Grove on Wednesday, and a most enjoyable time was spent. They returned home early in the evening, and the day's outing was voted a grand success. Pool's Orchestra furnished delightful music for the occasion.

Thousands of city people are now counting the hours when they can leave for some lake or river for an outing, where they can fight mosquitoes and bugs for a few days, and perhaps get drowned. It is a great thing and many of our ancestors lived and died not knowing what a vacation or outing meant.

The good book says, "Give to everyone that asketh thee, but that doesn't mean to give a drunkard money to buy whiskey; it doesn't mean to give the baby a hammer and looking-glass because he asks for it, and it doesn't mean that we should give to professional beggars who travel from town to town. The Bible doesn't always mean what it says, but it always means what it means.

George Musgrove, the Lewes railroad man who has made the clean record of forty years on duty at Lewes, station has been transferred to Middletown and assumed his duties as custodian of the pumping and water machinery. Musgrove, who is an able veteran of the Army of the Potomac, started in forty years ago with the old Junction and Breakwater railroad, at the same time as did Engineer Joseph Lane, now one of the oldest active locomotive engineers in the United States.

The dates for the county Sunday School conventions in this State have been named with the probable places of meeting and as follows: October 20th, Sussex county at Selbyville. October 21st, Kent county at Greenwood. October 22d, New Castle county in the Methodist Episcopal Church at New Castle. Much interest is centered in these conventions and the members of the convention look forward to the meetings with pleasure.

It is not generally known, but nevertheless a fact, that there are people still living who can remember the time when tomatoes were raised merely for their beauty as we now raise roses. While its beauty was admired it was considered like the poisonous oak, dangerous to even handle except by "dark complected" persons. Years of acquaintanceship, however, wore off its superstition and a few "fool hardy" actually owned up to having tasted the fruit. From this small beginning has gradually grown a use that makes to-day an industry with a combined capital of over thirty millions of dollars, which disburses millions of dollars to its employes each year and aggregates an output of two hundred and forty million cans.

Mr. Jacob M. Foster has announced himself as a candidate for Representative of the 13th representative district, subject to the Democratic voters.

The Farmers' Third Annual Basket Picnic will be held in P. J. Lynch's woods, near Mt. Pleasant, on Friday, August 14th, and the committee having the arrangements in charge hope to have a large attendance.

NOTICE.—I wish to inform all owners of dogs in and around Middletown, that they must keep their dogs out of my woods, as I will positively shoot any and all dogs found there on and after this date. This is the final notice.

C. P. COCHRAN.

During the thunder storm which visited this section on Saturday afternoon last the barn on the J. B. Messick farm and tenanted by Mr. John Price, was struck by lightning and slightly damaged. A board was knocked off on the west side of the barn and about 200 bushels of wheat run out and was badly damaged. Both the building and its contents were insured.

Our school board is to be commended for favorably considering better wages for teachers, continuous terms of school and better appliances for school rooms. In nearly every case they have manifested a willingness to appropriate the necessary funds to put the building and grounds in good order. What is needed most is some one in every district to lead. The teacher should not leave it to the director, nor the director to the teacher; both, with the assistance of the patrons and pupils, should lend a hand.

The Republicans of Appoquinimink and Blackbird hundreds are rejoicing over the announcement of Mr. Thomas Lattomus, who has consented to be a candidate for County Commissioner from that district. Mr. Lattomus is one of the best known men in lower New Castle County, and if elected, his friends will be assured of a wise and economical officer, and the tax payers of the County would be well protected if the court should be composed of men of his class.

The purpose of store advertising is not merely to sell goods, but to sell more goods—to make friends, build up a patronage that will not only stick but grow. Newspapers reach the greatest number of people in the immediate vicinity in the most natural way, at the least expense, and they are therefore the best of all mediums for stores. In a newspaper you follow the lines of least resistance—you follow with the stream—you talk to an audience already assembled, to the people who want to read—their mental cosmos is right—they are on your wire, and they won't ring off if you hold their interest.

Persons entertaining or being entertained will confer a favor upon us by calling 'phone 37 and advising the editor. We like the paper to contain such items and it is often impossible to get them all without assistance. It is the purpose of this paper to give all the news that is fit to print and keep them posted upon the doings in the town and country. The saying and possibly the truth of years that people do not read the newspapers, is erroneous to day. The local papers are read with interest by nearly every member of the family. Many people, intelligent and smart, do not know what is going on in town until they get their weekly paper.

Dr. Paul R. Smith has purchased a Rambler automobile and brought it down from Philadelphia early Tuesday morning. The doctor is much pleased with the machine and after having it thoroughly overhauled by an experienced machinist put it into practical use Wednesday night. This makes seven machines owned in Middletown, Mr. G. Lindsey Cochran making his appearance this week on our streets in a new handsome Mitchell machine. Mr. Cochran's machine was somewhat of a surprise and was greatly admired as it glided along our streets, filled with ladies and gentlemen. We hear whispers of two or three more machines to be added to the list in the near future.

To-day, (Saturday), will be the first day on which voters may qualify to cast their vote at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3d. The registrars are John W. Denny, for the 3d Election District, who will sit at his residence on North Broad street, and Harry D. Howell, for the 4th District, who will sit in the middle room of the Opera House building, between the hours of 8 A. M. and 12 M. and from 1 to 7 P. M. There will be three registration days in August, 1st. 8th and 15th, one in September, on the 19, and one in October, on the 17th. It should be remembered that in order to vote at the Primary Election, voters must register, on one of the Saturdays in August.

The Prince of Peace Protestant Episcopal Church in Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday, July 28th, at high noon, when Miss Ethel Louise Nichols became the bride of Lieutenant George Preston Shamer, Assistant Paymaster in the United States Navy. The bride wore a rich costume of brown mandarin rajah, with waist of cream net and Irish point. A hat in Lady Gay style of burnt straw trimmed with brown velvet and white feathers, and brown embrofdered gloves completed the costume.

After the ceremony, Lieutenant and Mrs. Shamer left for Deer Park, Md., where they will spend their honeymoon. Later they will go to Newport, R. I., Lieutenant Shamer is attached to the U. S. Steamer Mongomery, which is now stationed at Newport. Mrs. Shamer is a daughter of Mrs. Frank H. Nichols, who was Miss Louise McCrone, formerly of Middletown.

WOMAN WAS BRAVE

Mrs. James Conner, of Glasgow, proved herself a heroine Saturday afternoon, when, single handed, she saved much of value from her husband's barn, the building having been fired by a flash of lightning. Mrs. Conner, whose husband is a tenant farmer, was alone with the exception of a little child which she held in her arms when the fiery bolt struck the building, the structure almost immediately bursting into flames. Undaunted by the danger, Mrs. Conner placed the child upon a couch. She ran into the blazing structure and removed therefrom almost every article of value. She was unable to do anything toward saving the building, which was burned to the ground.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. John Dunn has returned from Victor, N. Y.

Miss Maude Deakyne is visiting Miss Helen Roe, in Barclay, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Messick are spending two weeks at Atlantic City.

Dr. J. C. Stites will be absent from his dental office during the coming week.

Mr. Colonel Crouch is confined to his home on Lake street with typhoid fever.

Mr. C. N. Dickerson, of Camden, N. J., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Webb.

Mrs. Earl Mills and son Lloyd, of Wilmington, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Jolls.

Mr. Frederick Beasten, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. W. Rhoades.

Mrs. E. C. Green and daughter, Miss Eliza, are spending several weeks at Ocean City, N. J.

Miss Sadie Hughes, of Havre de Grace, is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor.

Mrs. Fred Brady and children and mother, Mrs. M. A. Day are sojourning at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Daniel Keith, of Easton, Md., was the guest of Mrs. John L. Byron several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Hayden and children have returned from a visit with Wilmington relatives.

Mrs. Laura Duling and daughter, of Millington, Md., were guests of Mrs. Sarah Jones this week.

Mrs. Martie Barwis and daughter, Miss May, of Trenton, N. J., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Eliason.

Miss Maria Nowland is cruising on the Chesapeake Bay with a party of friends from Havre de Grace, Md.

Mrs. Clifton Wood and little daughter Bertie, of Philadelphia, are guests of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Parsons.

Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis and Mrs. N. J. Williams have returned from a several weeks' sojourn at Rehoboth.

Mrs. L. M. Pennington and daughter, Miss Katherine, will leave to-day for a month's sojourn at Rehoboth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys spent Sunday in Philadelphia, the guests of their son, Mr. J. P. Comegys and wife.

Misses Elizabeth and Julia Roe, of Cheswold, and Miss Helen Roe, of Masseys, Md., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roe Redgrave.

Mrs. Anna Wise and grandaughter Margaret Wise, of West Chester, Pa., are spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls.

Messrs. Joseph Walker, of Wilmington, and Grant Rowbotham, of Delaware Water Gap, spent Sunday with Samuel Price and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls, Miss Lottie and Master Clinton Jolls, and Miss Bessie Foraker, will leave on Monday for Boston, Mass., where they will attend the bi-annual session of the Supreme Lodge, K. of P.

Middletown Lost to Smyrna

On Tuesday the home club visited Smyrna and played an interesting and close game in that town. The locals were somewhat handicapped by the absence of one or two of their regulars, but they put up a good game after the first inning, their opponents securing three runs, too much to be overcome. The two clubs will again battle for victory in Middletown Wednesday afternoon next, August 5th, and a good game may be looked for. The score by innings follows in Tuesday's contest:

Middletown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1—3
Smyrna.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	x—5

Batteries—Smyrna, Thompson and Josephs; Middletown, Richards and Pennington.

The local club will try conclusions this afternoon with the strong Alcedo Club, of Wilmington, on the home grounds. The visitors are said to be good ball players and a good game is expected. Game called at 2.30 o'clock. Admission, 20 cents for gents and 10 cents for ladies.

MOSQUITOES INVADE CITY

Mosquitoes have invaded the cities instead of the country towns this year, if we are to judge from the Philadelphia *Press* of Monday, which contained the following: Just before the heavy storm last night a large swarm of mosquitoes flew into the city and caused a great deal of annoyance and plenty of work for physicians in the hospitals of the northeast section. In about fifteen minutes after the swarm struck the city the hospitals began to receive patients with their faces and hands so badly swollen that it was necessary in some cases to lance them to draw out the sting of the bite. On Girard avenue, east of Belgrade street, the pests stripped all the trees of their leaves. After they had passed the trees looked as though autumn had come.

THE SPARKS' SHOWS

The John H. Sparks' Shows is so well known as the best of its kind in the country that it will undoubtedly attract big crowds in Middletown on Friday next, August 7th.

People who have vainly endeavored to extract satisfaction from the three ring shows will certainly enjoy a genuine one ring circus in which every act and feature is the best that can be secured. This is what Mr. Sparks claims to present. "One ring full of high class acts is better than three rings full of mediocrity and confusion" is the way the press agent puts it. Comfortable seats with high backs and foot rests, fine music, elegant costumes; vigilant management, are some of the things which Mr. Sparks says distinguishes his show from other similar exhibitions. Two performances will be given at 2.00 and 8.00 P. M.

Will Sell Bishop's Property

Announcement has been made by the Security Trust and Safe Deposit Company, executor for the estate of the late Bishop Leighton Coleman, that it will sell all the residue of his personal property at Bishopstead on August 11. This is to be done in accordance to the terms of the dead prelate's will.

The property to be disposed of comprises many articles of bric-a-brac, valuable coins, books and other things of interest, the proceeds to be equally divided between the religious and charitable organizations of the diocese.

ODESSA

Miss Alice M. Brown is spending two weeks in Pocassett, Mass.

Joseph Heldmyer has returned from Atlantic City, where he spent a week.

Mr. D. C. Rose, of Newark, visited his sister, Mrs. O. C. Stevens, last week.

Miss Geneva Ward spent two days of last week with relatives in Chester, Pa.

Mrs. John Heldmyer spent several days of last week with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Addie Johnson, of Wilmington, is spending sometime with Mr. C. T. Johnson.

Orville Humes, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday last with his sister, Mrs. Fred Reynolds.

Mrs. John Kielkopf is spending this week with relatives in St. Georges and New Castle.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Peachey, of Blackbird, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Armstrong.

Miss M. Eaton, of Port Penn, is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Harrison Vandegrift.

Mrs. William R. Davis and son Mailly are spending two weeks with relatives at Trenton, N. J.

Master Walter Wiest has returned home from Philadelphia, where he has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. M. B. Lyle, of Philadelphia, has been visiting at the home of Fred Reynolds and family.

Misses Elma and Ida Eaton, of Felton, are visiting at the home of F. Knotts and family near town.

Randolph Knotts, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime at the home of Frederick Knotts, near town.

Mrs. Sarah P. Dennis, of New Castle has been visiting at the home of W. E. Spicer and family, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Heller and little daughter, of Wilmington, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. A. Heller.

Mr. O. C. Stevens, who has been traveling through the Southern States, is spending sometime at his home here.

Mrs. Richard Tucker and children, of Wilmington, spent several days of last week with William Tucker and wife.

Mr. George Kumpel, wife and son Paul, of Riverside, N. J., spent Sunday last with her mother, Mrs. Kate Gremminger.

Mr. Patrick, wife and daughter have returned to Salem, N. J., after spending a week with William Johnson and wife.

Mr. Joseph Williams has returned to his home in Philadelphia, after visiting his sister, Mrs. Lee Sparks, near town.

Miss Helen Watkins is entertaining at her home here Misses Lillian Humphrey and Margaret Kinkeed, of Wilmington.

Miss Katie Krumm and brother Elwood, of Philadelphia, are spending sometime at the home of John Heldmyer and family.

Rev. Charles K. Gibson has returned to his home in Hyde, Pa., after a week's visit with his parents, Joseph L. Gibson and wife.

Rev. Charles K. Gibson, of Hyde, Pa., preached in St. Pauls M. E. Church on Sunday last to a large and appreciative audience.

Mrs. E. Ballard Lodge and son Townsend, of Kent, Ohio, are spending three weeks with her parents, George L. Townsend and wife.

Mr. Charles Scott and wife and Harry Townsend, of Wilmington, were entertained at the home of George L. Townsend and family on Sunday.

Rev. Cyrus P. Keen, of Claymont, will preach in St. Pauls M. E. Church on tomorrow, (Sunday), both morning and evening, the morning service beginning at 10.30 o'clock and evening service at 7.30. Mr. Keen will also attend the Sunday School session at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Everyone is most cordially invited to attend the services.

OBITUARY

MRS. WILLIAM FLEMING

Mrs. Patience Fleming widow of William Fleming, aged 82 years, died at the residence of William Carey on the Hazell Farm near Blackbird, last Friday after a lingering illness. She was held in high esteem by all who knew her. No children survive her. Her husband, it will be remembered, died suddenly September 10th, 1903. She never quite recovered from the awful shock of his death. In later years she has been residing with her adopted daughter, Mrs. William Carey on the Hazell Farm. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon and interment was made at Glenwood Cemetery, the Rev. G. P. Smith of St. Paul M. E. Church, officiating.

W. P. ROWAN, Sr.

William P. Rowan, Sr., after a short illness passed away at his home near Earlville on Sunday morning, aged sixty-seven years. Deceased was a prominent farmer. He is survived by a widow and two sons, John Cavender Rowan and William P. Rowan, Jr.

Funeral services were held at his late residence on Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock, Revs. W. F. Dawson and O. E. Jones officiating.

HONOR DUPONT

Announcement was made in Chicago Monday by Chairman Hitchcock of the Republican National Committee that the following will constitute the Executive committee: Charles F. Brooker, of Connecticut; T. Coleman duPont, of Delaware; William E. Borah, of Idaho; Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois; Charles Nagel, of Missouri; Victor Rosewater, of Nebraska; William L. Ward, of New York; Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania.

General duPont attended the notification of Candidate W. H. Taft in the absence of Governor Preston Lea, the member of the committee, who is in Rehoboth with the militia. Delaware Republicans will be much pleased to learn of his honor to the State occasioned by the appointment of General duPont on this committee.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1	$ .90	Corn—	
No. 2		Yellow, shelled	78
Timothy Seed	$3.25	" cob	75
Clover Seed	.22	Oats	70

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	18@20
Country Butter, per lb	21@28
Creamery Butter, per lb	32
Lard, per lb	10@12½
Live Chickens, per lb	12@16
Potatoes	40

TOWNSEND

Miss Edith Ginn is visiting friends in Wilmington.

Miss Beulah Hodgson is visiting Mrs. Rosa Wilson, in Smyrna.

Mrs. Sallie Taylor is visiting relatives in Philadelphia this week.

Benjamin Lockerman, of Washington, is visiting his family here.

Harry Stradley, of Philadelphia, was an over Sunday visitor here.

Augustus Gill, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his mother here.

Mrs. D. B. Jones visited friends in Middletown on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Samuel Townsend, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Walter Gill.

Harry Hart, wife and son George, of Wilmington, are visiting their parents here.

Miss Arrelee Lattomus is the guest of Miss Alice McCoy, near Odessa, this week.

Miss Lillian Ginn, of the Levels, spent Saturday and Sunday with the Misses Hart.

Paul Jacobs, of Millington, is spending this week with his grandfather, Thomas Maloney.

Mrs. William Satterfield and two daughters, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. George Satterfield.

Dr. Castle and daughter, Miss Maud, of Philadelphia, were the guests of D. P. Hutchinson over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould Naylor, of Wilmington, are the guests of their sister, Mrs. M. E. Money, this week.

Miss Elizabeth Dorman has returned to her home in Baltimore, after spending several weeks with relatives here.

Elma Lockerman, who has been visiting relatives in Wilmington and New Castle for several weeks, returned home Tuesday.

Master Frank Hutchinson and little sister, Margaret, left Saturday for Ohio, where they will spend a month with relatives.

WARWICK

Rev. C. M. Cullom was at Salem on Monday.

Prof. Guy Johnson, of Elkton, is visiting in town.

Miss Beulah Cullom visited Sassafras friends this week.

Mr. Sylvester Moffitt was a Middletown visitor this week.

Mrs. Charles Watts has returned to her home in Bristol.

Preaching at the M. P. Church next Sunday at 10.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Vinyard was the guest of her parents one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price were the guest of Mrs. Letitia Smith on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Everett, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. Alfred Jones.

Mrs. John L. Lattomus was the guest of Mrs. D. J. Hodgson on Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Ella M. Staats entertained Mrs. Elisha Kirk, of Rising Sun, one day last week.

The Messrs. Page and Trech, of Philadelphia, are visiting William Unruh near town.

Miss Estelle Bishop was the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. B. Merritt, on Thursday last.

Mrs. John H. Lofland, of Philadelphia, visited her mother, Mrs. Mary A. Lofland on Friday.

Agnes, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Merritt, Jr., is very sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boyles entertained Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown, of Earleville, on Sunday.

Base ball teams desiring games may have same by communicating with T. Bayard Vinyard, manager.

Mrs. Daniel Mitchell, of Atlantic City, N. J., is critically ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. John R. H. Price.

The Misses Will and Josephine Aikin accompanied by Miss Fouracre were the guests of Mrs. Amos Wilson one day last week.

CECILTON

Miss Annie Richards, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her sister, Miss Mollie Richards.

Miss Margaret Bullock, of Wilmington, was the guest of relatives here a few days last week.

Mrs. Hessie Crew and children, of Lankford, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Blackway.

Miss Lelia McCoy is attending Leslie Camp.

Miss Myra Dawson, of Church Hill, is visiting Misses Emma and Blanche Borem.

Miss Bertha Coppage, of near Warwick, spent a few days last week with her cousin, Miss Mable Coppage.

Harry Freeman, of Philadelphia, is visiting his cousin, Walter Clayton.

Miss Edith Manlove and Miss Wolf, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Miss Clare Manlove.

Mrs. Thomas Pearce, Mrs. Harry Budd and Mrs. Geary Beaston were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Byron Bouchelle, in Chesapeake City on Tuesday.

Mr. John Anderson and wife spent several days last week with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Buckworth was the guest of Miss Olive Fillingame a few days last week.

K. OF P. TRIP

Members of the Knights of Pythias of this state are completing arrangements to attend the national convention of the order at Boston Tuesday next, to continue for one week. It is likely that the delegation will not exceed twenty-five, among whom will be William W. Knowles and Joseph C. Jolls, grand representatives, and past grand representative John H. Scott. Nearly all the members making the trip will be accompanied by their wives.

The military parade to be held on the opening day of the convention will probably have between 10,000 and 12,000 uniformed men in line, and the parade of the uniformed rank and subordinate lodges on Wednesday will probably be the largest ever held in the history of the order.

JOHN H. SPARKS' SHOWS

WILL EXHIBIT

IN MIDDLETOWN

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Two performances only, at 2 and 8 P. M. Doors open one hour earlier

A Mammoth Programme full of Dash, Novelty and Surprising Excellence

Premier Male and Female Equestrians, Riding the Most Beautiful Horses that ever Graced an Arena

A Bewildering Melange of Sensational Aerial, Acrobatic and Novelty Acts, with Elegant Costumes, Splendid Equipment and Superb Music

Great Performing Elephants, Lions, Tigers, Beautiful Ponies, Dogs and other Educated Animals

A Whole Troupe of Funny Clowns. Panhandle Pete and his Comedy Mules

Splendid Street Parade at noon, and Big Free Exhibitions at the Show Grounds immediately after the parade

MESSICK'S!

You can buy

Men's 2-Piece Suits

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No man knows what real clothes' comfort is in hot weather until he wears one of these feather weight two-piece Suits, (coat and trousers). These suits are exceedingly good looking and they are very serviceable, well tailored, extremely light weight, very strong and durable for general wear during the summer. These suits have no equal, and to think you can buy them at this low price, $7.75. All sizes. Regular price $10.00.

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Save Money!

Men's $3.50 Oxfords, $2.50

Mostly of shiny leather; most all sizes.

Men's Oxfords, $2.50

Now all marked $2.00. In gun metal and patent leather.

Women's Oxfords Reduced to $1.69

Regular price, $2.00 and $2.50. Shiny leather, russet and gun metal. All sizes in the lot.

Children's White Canvas Shoes, now 79c.

Regular price, $1.00 and $1.25.

Store closes at 6 P. M.

J. B. MESSICK

Cochran Block, Middletown.

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SPECIAL EXCURSION

TO

Atlantic City

Tuesday, August 4, 1908

ROUND-TRIP RATE $2.00 FROM MIDDETOWN

SPECIAL THROUGH TRAIN

Will leave at 6.44 A. M. RETURNING, leave Atlantic City (Georgia Ave.) 5.45 P. M.

TICKETS GOOD ONLY ON SPECIAL TRAIN IN EACH DIRECTION

J. R. WOOD, Passenger Traffic Manager

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We have too much stock and must unload. Bargains in every department.

25 per cent. off all our Mixed Suits.

$30 Suits now $22.50.

$25 Suits now $18.75.

$20 Suits now $15.00.

$15 Suits now $11.25.

$10 Suits now $7.50.

Our Special Suits at $5, $6 and $7.50 are money savers.

Boys' Suits $2 to $10, now $1.50 to $7.60.

Youths' Suits $5 to $18, now $3 75 to $13.50.

Men's Odd Trousers $2 to $8, now $1.50 to $6.

New lot of Shirts for "Special Sale," 65 cents each, 2 for $1.25.

Straw Hats ¼ price.

Russett Shoes ¼ off.

Russett Oxfords ¼ off.

Patent Oxfords ¼ off.

MULLIN'S MEN'S STORE

WILMINGTON

Our Annual August Clearance Sale

All our Summer goods must be sold regardless of cost. Our motto is: "never to carry any goods over from one season to another." The sale starts Saturday, August 1st, and continues all next week.

Children's caps all at ½ price. Muslin underwear ¼ off. Ladies' coat Suits all pure linen, all colors ½ price. Ladies' summer dresses ½ price. All our white waists reduced to nearly ½ price. Our made Wrappers $1.00, $1.25 grade, sale price 75c. Our own made dressing sacks 50c kind, 25c. Childrens' dresses ½ price, and everything in our store is reduced. Come see for yourself, and save money like you always do when you do your purchasing at

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Mar. 3, 1908.

Upon the application of Ellen Bradley Administratrix of Emily Whitlock late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administratrix aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript a newspaper published in Middletown, Delaware, and to be continued therein ten times.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

(Seal)

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Third day of March A. D. 1908, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to said Administratrix, on or before the Third day of March, 1909, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

ELLEN BRADLEY, Administratrix,

Address,
Martin B. Burris, Esq.,
Attorney-at-Law,
Middletown, Delaware.